

## Press Release

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### Chinese building experts set to learn about Passive House

#### Delegation from Beijing to visit projects in Germany and Austria

*Darmstadt.* No other country has seen as much construction activity as China has in recent years. The Chinese government has therefore decided to bring the subject of energy efficiency to the forefront of its political agenda. In an effort to learn more about the many advantages of the Passive House Standard, a senior level Chinese delegation is set to visit a series of exemplary projects in Germany and Austria.

The delegation is comprised of two representatives of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD) and scientists from various governmental organisations. Austria will be the first stop on this “Passive House Tour”. Following discussions with Passive House experts in Vienna on Monday 15 December, the delegation will visit several projects in the state of Tyrol – a [school in Brixlegg](#), a retrofitted [university building in Innsbruck](#) and a [supermarket in Natters](#) amongst others. The group will then proceed to Germany. After a short stop in [Aufkirchen](#) near Munich, the Chinese guests will visit the Passive House district of [Bahnstadt](#) in Heidelberg. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Passive House Institute in Darmstadt on Saturday 20 December.

The first Passive House building in China was constructed in 2010 as part of the world exposition in Shanghai. Two more Passive House buildings, one in the north-western city of [Urumqi](#) and the other in [Changxing](#), near Shanghai, have now been certified. Additional Passive House developments are currently being planned in Harbin, in the north-western part of the country, and in Tianjin, near Beijing. During an official trip to China by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, it was also decided to build a Passive House building in the “[Sino-German Ecopark](#)” in the city of Qingdao.